

Recorded Divorces

The 28,925 divorce certificates filed during January-December of 2004 represented a 1.5 percent decrease in number from the 29,353 certificates filed in 2003, while the rate decreased 2.0 percent.

**NOTE:** The population for Tennessee (5,840,260 in 2003 and 5,897,306 in 2004 [August, 2003 revision]) used in this quarterly report were based on figures prepared from the 2000 census by the Tennessee Department of Health, Division of Health Statistics and may result in rates that differ from those previously published.

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Most Popular Names,  
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The top twenty-five most popular first names given to babies born to Tennessee residents in 2004 were:

Rank Order	Girls	Boys
1	Emma	William
2	Madison	Jacob
3	Emily	Ethan
4	Hannah	Joshua
5	Abigail	James
6	Olivia	Michael
7	Sarah	Christopher
8	Alexis	Matthew
9	Anna	Andrew
10	Elizabeth	John
11	Chloe	Austin
12	Alyssa	David
13	Hailey (tied)	Elijah
	Taylor (tied)	
14		Jackson (tied)
		Joseph (tied)
15	Haley	
16	Kayla	Samuel
17	Isabella	Tyler
18	Morgan	Caleb
19	Lauren	Dylan
20	Brianna	Logan
21	Ella (tied)	Zachary
	Savannah (tied)	
22		Hunter
23	Ashley	Nicholas
24	Destiny	Daniel
25	Makayla	Brandon

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# PROVISIONAL TENNESSEE FOURTH QUARTER RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2003, 2004

## Vital Signs

- The birth rate of 13.5 per 1,000 Tennessee residents increased 0.7 percent over the 2003 rate of 13.4.
- The adolescent birth rate decreased 4.6 percent from 2003 to 2004.
- The infant death rate decreased from 9.1 in 2003 to 8.6 in 2004.
- The death rate decreased 1.7 percent from 2003 to 2004.
- The marriage rate decreased 4.2 percent while the divorce rate decreased 2.0 percent from 2003 to 2004.

### Live Births

There were 79,583 live births during January–December of 2004. This number represented an increase of 1.7 percent over the 78,221 births in 2003. The corresponding birth rate of 13.5 per 1,000 population increased 0.7 percent over the rate of 13.4 reported in 2003.

### Adolescent Births

There were 3,253 births to females ages 10-17 with a rate of 10.3 per 1,000 through the fourth quarter of 2004. The corresponding number of births for the same period in 2003 was 3,374 with a rate of 10.8. Both the number and the rate decreased from those in 2003.

### Infant Mortality

The number of infant deaths through the fourth quarter of 2004 was 686, corresponding to an infant mortality rate of 8.6 per 1,000 live births. The number decreased 3.7 percent, while the rate decreased 5.5 percent from those in 2003. The number and rate for neonatal deaths decreased from those reported in 2003.

### Total Deaths

There were 55,660 deaths of Tennessee residents through the fourth quarter of 2004, giving a crude death rate of 943.8 per 100,000 population. The number of deaths of Tennessee residents decreased 0.8 percent from the 56,085 deaths in 2003. The death rate for 2004 showed a 1.7 percent decrease from the rate of 960.3 for 2003.

**NOTE:** Resident data for Tennessee includes events which occurred to residents of the state irrespective of where the events took place. Information on events occurring outside of Tennessee was extracted from copies of reports and certificates supplied by the state of record through an interstate transfer agreement. For resident events occurring in Tennessee, data was obtained from certificates and reports on file with the Office of Vital Records.

### Recorded Marriages

In Tennessee, there were 67,103 marriage certificates filed with the Department of Health through the fourth quarter of 2004. This represented a 3.2 percent decrease in number from the 69,323 certificates filed in 2003. The marriage rate decreased 4.2 percent from 2003 to 2004.

## PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003, 2004

EVENT	NUMBER		RATE*		PERCENT CHANGE IN RATE FROM PRECEDING YEAR
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
RESIDENT DATA:					
Live births	78,221	79,583	13.4	13.5	0.7
Adolescent (10-17) births	3,374	3,253	10.8	10.3	-4.6
Infant deaths	712	686	9.1	8.6	-5.5
Neonatal deaths	462	435	5.9	5.5	-6.8
Total deaths	56,085	55,660	960.3	943.8	-1.7
RECORDED DATA:					
Marriages	69,323	67,103	11.9	11.4	-4.2
Divorces	29,353	28,925	5.0	4.9	-2.0

\*Rates for live births are per 1,000 population. Rates for infant and neonatal deaths are per 1,000 live births. Death rates are per 100,000 population. Adolescent birth rates are per 1,000 females aged 10-17. Rates for marriages and divorces are per 1,000 population.

Please note that provisional vital statistics data is known to be incomplete. Differences may exist in the recording and processing circumstances of the comparison periods rather than in any real changes in the phenomenon being observed. Final data for a year may reflect an altogether different picture of the conditions being measured than that indicated by the provisional data. Provisional data indicates only a snapshot of vital statistics at a certain point in time. Readers should be cautioned about placing much reliability on this temporary data.

POPULATION:	2003	2004
Total Population	5,840,260	5,897,306
Total Females ages 10-17 years	313,263	316,289

The populations used in the denominator for the calculation of provisional rates were apportioned to reflect the number of days in the time period.